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## MEXICO CITY CAPTURED, REBEL CLAIM

### McONOCHE MAYOR FOUR TERMS, DIES

Veteran City Official, at Age of 73, Succumbs After Six Weeks.

Death called William McConochie, veteran citizen, former mayor of Rock Island during four terms for a total period of 12 years, and a molder of municipal history, at his home, 213 Seventh avenue, at 10:30 o'clock last night.

Former Mayor McConochie had been a sufferer from heart disease for the last seven weeks, and the development of congestion of the lungs, which later became bronchopneumonia, combined with the weakness of his advanced age to bring about his demise.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2:30. They will be held at the residence, 2513 Seventh avenue, with Rev. Samuel Van Pelt, pastor of the First Methodist church, assisted by Dr. G. C. Pearson, officiating, and with members of the Knights Templar, of which the deceased was a member, taking part in the last rites. Services at the grave at Chippawannock cemetery, will be military and will be in charge of members of the G. A. R.

Death was not unexpected to the immediate family and intimate friends of Mr. McConochie, although hope for his complete recovery had not been abandoned even to the hour of his death. His illness followed a strain which brought about leakage of the heart. His condition had become peculiarly critical during the past week, and following the development of pneumonia, he had rapidly declined.

Although Mr. McConochie had been a great sufferer during his last illness, he had made a noble effort to rally, and had not given up hope that he might recover until three days before his death. Responding always to the urging of his family and friends that his fight for life be made in the soldierly spirit in which he had carried on all his activities.

End Is Serene.

His death came with unexpected serenity, following a sleep. No one but the nurse was present, Mrs. McConochie and the sons, William and Robert. McConochie having just left the room. He died as he had frequently expressed the wish to die, in the manner expressed in his favorite lines of Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar," verses which he often quoted as expressive of the ideal manner of death.

His death will be a source of sorrow to the entire community, for whose betterment he had been a worker during his career both in public and private life in this city. He was influential in bringing about many of Rock Island's municipal reforms, and a leader in the progress of the city. He was a member of various fraternal and patriotic organizations in which he took active interest. He was a political figure of note. He combined with his many public interests a devotion to home and family and a kindness of nature which made him many friends.

Mr. McConochie was born in Galesburg, Scotland, Jan. 11, 1847, the son of John McConochie and Annie Campbell McConochie. On the paternal side the family had resided on the southwestern coast of Scotland since the days of Wallace and Bruce while the Campbells were celebrated in highland history.

Family Moves to America.

The McConochie family came to America in 1853 locating at Joliet. A few weeks after their arrival there the father died. The widow survived him 20 years, dying on the same day of the year. Both were buried in the Joliet cemetery.

William McConochie was educated in Joliet. At the outbreak of the Civil war, although too young to enlist he ran away and followed a regiment to Cairo where he secured admission as a drummer boy.

Later he enlisted in the United States army in Cook county as a private in Company K, 72nd regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, to serve three years or during the period of the war. That was Feb. 2, 1864. He was assigned to the 17th division, 4th corps. He saw service with the army of the Cumberland, Clarkson, Mo.; Chambers Hills, Miss.; at the Siege of Vicksburg, Miss.; and at the Battle of Gettysburg, Pa.

After the war he returned to Joliet and was engaged in the mercantile business. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Confederate Veterans.

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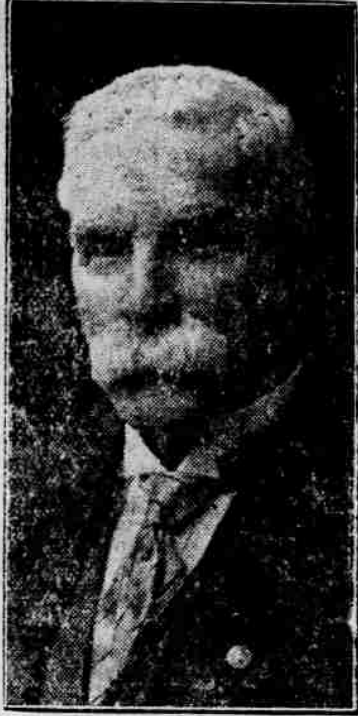
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### Fall of Kiev Is Proclaimed by Moscow

LOSES SIX WEEKS' STRUGGLE TO LIVE



WILLIAM McCONOCHE, Ex-Mayor of Rock Island.

### NEWARK LEADS CINCINNATI IN CENSUS REPORT

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 8.—Newark, largest city in New Jersey, with a population of 415,609, has outstripped Cincinnati, which ranked thirteenth in the last census. Cincinnati's population, recently announced, is 401,158.

Newark ranked as the fourteenth city in 1910 with a population of 247,469. Washington, sixteenth city in 1910, now outranks both Cincinnati and Newark with a population of 437,414.

Since its first federal census was recorded in 1840, Newark has had a steady and substantial growth.

(By United Press.)

Washington, May 8.—The census bureau today announced the following 1920 population figures:

Newark, N. J., 415,609; increase since 1910, 68,140 or 19.6 per cent. Lynn, Mass., 99,148.

Newark, Ohio, 26,718. Benton Harbor, Mich., 12,166. Albany, Mich., 8,284.

Clinton, Iowa, 24,151. Muscatine, Iowa, 16,068. Ottawa, Ill., 10,816.

Increases since 1910: Newark, 1,314 or 5.2; Holland, 1,676 or 16.0; Benton Harbor, 3,042 or 33.1; Albany, 2,521 or 43.2; Ottawa, 1,281 or 13.4.

Decreases since 1910: Clinton, 1,426 or 5.6; Muscatine, 110 or 0.7.

The increase in population of Monroe, N. C., two persons, was announced as "less than one-tenth of one per cent."

Chicago, May 8.—A demand that John Grunau, head of the Chicago Yarden's association, inform striking switchmen how they can get their seniority rights restored was made public today in a letter sent to Grunau by R. S. Murphy, publicity chairman of the association.

Great numbers of the members of the C. Y. A. are asking: "When do you expect to land the 95 cents and \$1.00 per hour?" the letter reads.

"It is logical to conclude the labor board will not give our members recognition or consideration until we return to work. What have you to offer us?"

"We all know that the roads have recalled their property which has been in the possession of the switchmen on vacation, and are hiring great numbers of new men to man the yards. We also know the roads are operating fairly well under the circumstances, but the question is, 'how can the seniority rights of the men who have followed the C. Y. A. be restored?'"

"Come out from under cover now and say something definite one way or the other."

BRITAIN GETS TRADE.

Paris, May 8.—French merchants declared Great Britain has stolen a march on the United States and France in securing German contracts to furnish raw materials and receive manufactured articles in exchange.

### BOLSHEVIKI ADMIT CITY IS YIELDED

Poles Break Lines Thursday Night, Forcing Reds to Withdraw, Report.

(By Associated Press.)

Warsaw, May 8.—Today's Warsaw newspapers print the Moscow wireless dispatch sent out Friday afternoon, saying the Poles have entered Kiev. No announcement to this effect, however, has been made in official quarters here. The latest communistic states that Vasilkov, 20 miles south of Kiev, has been captured.

London, May 8.—Polish and Ukrainian troops captured Kiev on Thursday night, said an official statement issued at Moscow yesterday and received here by wireless.

The text of the statement says: "In the Kiev region, during the night of May 6-7, our troops engaged superior enemy forces northwest and southwest of Kiev. Toward evening, the enemy broke into the outskirts of the town, but were held up by our counter-attacks. Later our troops, in accordance with orders, started to withdraw in order to the left bank of the Dnieper river."

Repulse Polish Attack.

"In the direction of Pitaloff our troops repulsed an enemy advance 23 miles south of Krasnyia. In the direction of Igumen (east of Minsk) the enemy attempted to cross the Beresina river near Beresina village, but was driven back across the river."

Reports that Kiev had fallen were current in Warsaw on Monday of this week, but developments showed these reports were erroneous. Today's soviet advices seem to leave no room for doubt that the Polish campaign has at least been successful.

Warsaw advices on the Kiev campaign are two days old, the dispatch received this morning, having been filed in the Polish capital at 5:30 p. m. on Thursday.

Available reports in Warsaw, indicated that the fight for the approaches to the city was still in progress Thursday.

In Many Changes.

Kiev, a city of 250,000 or more population, is the capital of the Ukraine. The town has changed hands several times during the fighting between contending groups in the Ukrainian territory and the conflict between the Denikin forces and the bolsheviks. The latter have been in possession of it since last December.

(Kiev in addition to its importance to the Ukraine as its chief city, has also been looked upon from the entente side as a valuable outpost at a strategic point against the advance of bolshevism in Central Europe, along the extended line stretching from the Baltic to the Black Sea.)

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### GOING 'ABROAD NOT MUCH LIKE IT USED TO BE

Americans Had Better Think Twice Before Asking Passports.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE. (Special To The Argus.)

Washington, D. C., May 8.—Disquieting reports have reached the United States government concerning conditions in Europe that should discourage American citizens from going to the continent. These reports have not been made public because the government here has already been pressed from every side to lift the restrictions on passports and there is no reason why the American government should court the displeasure of those European countries which are eager to have American tourists come abroad to spend their money.

The writer has obtained a survey of conditions in Europe as revealed in official reports, and while France and England are much better off than other countries, nevertheless transportation facilities everywhere are crowded to the limit and American tourists are finding it uncomfortable to move abroad.

Face Hunger and Disease.

Fortunately France and England are not in as bad shape as Eastern and southern Poland and parts of Germany. Typhoid fever and spotted fever have come over the borders of soviet Russia into Poland and while the Poles are striving hard to care for these patients, there are difficulties galore in handling the situation. Food in Germany is hardly of the best and anyone who needs care and nourishment ought not to risk his or her health in the central empires. The department of state is not issuing passports to any of the central European countries but at the same time there is no restriction upon Americans going into Germany when once they are in France or England or Belgium.

Perhaps the most embarrassing phase of the whole situation is the way the Europeans are increasing their prices and discriminating against Americans. This is most noticeable in Germany where the supposition that all Americans are wealthy is the basis for higher prices for meals or rooms or goods wanted by the American traveler than the Englishman or Frenchman. It is not an uncommon occurrence to find an American pay-

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Johnson Gives Hoover Answer on Peace Pact

Washington, May 8.—Senator Johnson of California, has replied to Herbert Hoover's statement of yesterday, asking as to the senator's position on the League of Nations covenant. He says:

"The league presented to the senate by the president, which Mr. Hoover advocated last year, neither promotes peace nor reduces armaments. During Mr. Hoover's advocacy of this league last year, he never mentioned reservations; on the contrary, the tenor of his speeches was in direct opposition to any reservations."

"With his candidacy came his change of heart, and for the first time we find him favoring reservations."

"I have consistently opposed the pact as presented and with the reservations attached. I would welcome, of course, any real attempt to promote peace and prevent war."

"Mr. Hoover last year had one view; this year he has another. As this progresses and various nominations present themselves, we may look for other views as well."

POPULAR APPEAL MAY SNATCH BEST FROM LIFE TERM

Pontiac, Mich., May 8.—Anson Best, convicted last night of the murder of Vera Schneider, a telephone operator, and sentenced to life imprisonment at Marquette, will not be taken to the northern Michigan prison immediately. A movement to finance an appeal by popular subscription begun immediately after the verdict was continued today.

Before sentence was pronounced, Best called upon Heaven to witness his innocence, and a purse was immediately started. It was said to contain \$1,000 today.

The prisoner in his direct testimony, and on cross examination maintained he had never known Miss Schneider and that the confession offered by the prosecution was obtained from him under duress.

New York, May 8.—The missing navy dirigible C-10, reported missing after it had left (Chatham, Mass., at 5:45 a. m. today, landed at the Far Rockaway naval air station at 11:30 a. m.

### PRESIDENT SCORED BY SOCIALISTS

Party Attacks Wilson at Convention—Big Vote Is Predicted.

New York, May 8.—The Socialist party of America opened its 1920 national convention here today with the singing of the "Internationale," the "Marseillaise" and the hymn of "Free Russia."

Otto Branstetter of Chicago, national executive secretary, then called the convention to order. Two hundred delegates, with a number of fraternal delegates from sympathetic international labor bodies, were assembled in the Finnish Workers' Educational association hall.

An attack on the administration of President Wilson and a prediction that the Socialist party would poll more than 2,000,000 votes in the presidential campaign, were made today by Morris Hillquit, temporary chairman of the convention. He said that the party would survive the concerted attack, "unparalleled in ferociousness and lawlessness," made on it in the last year by "all the powers of darkness and oppression in the country."

"Good Man" Theory Fails.

He declared that the last three years had furnished the most striking and abhorrent proof of the fallacy of the "good man" theory in politics.

"If there remained any large section of workers who put their trust in old party Messiah," he said, "Woodrow Wilson must have effectively destroyed their naive faith. For he it remembered that in 1916, Woodrow Wilson ran as a radical."

"He promised Socialism through the short cut of the Democratic party and thousands of radicals throughout the country voted for him rather than to throw away their votes on the hopeless candidates of the Socialist party."

"One-half of the normal supporters of the Socialist party ticket cast their votes for him. Woodrow Wilson was elected over Charles E. Hughes by the vote of Socialists. In California alone the defection in the normal Socialist vote determined his victory in the presidential contest."

Actions As "Pacifist."

"Wilson, the pacifist, drew us into the world's most frightful war. Wilson, the anti-militarist, imposed conscription upon the country in war, and urged universal military training, a large standing army and a huge navy in peace."

"Wilson, the Democrat, arrogated to himself autocratic power grossly inconsistent with a republican form of government. Wilson, the liberal, revived the medieval institutions of the inquisition of speech, thought and conscience. His administration suppressed radical publications, raided homes and meeting places of its political opponents, destroyed their property and assaulted their persons. Wilson, the apostle of the 'new freedom,' infested the country with stool pigeons and spies and filled the jails with political prisoners. Wilson, the champion of labor, restored involuntary servitude in the mines and on the railroads, and answered the wage demands of the workers by jailing their leaders."

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### \$2,500 A YEAR REPORTED NEED OF 5 IN FAMILY

Rail Economist Lauck Tells Labor Board American Families of 5 or More Can't Live on Less.

Washington, May 8.—Labor's argument for increased wages for the 2,000,000 railway workers of the country was concluded before the railroad labor board today by W. J. Lauck, former secretary of the war labor board, appearing on behalf of the railroad brotherhoods and unions. He asked a minimum living wage for unskilled railroad workers with differentials above that for skill, hazard and responsibility.

Chairman Barton announced that the board would discontinue public hearings until May 17, at Chicago.

Washington, May 8.—A minimum of \$2,500 a year is necessary for the support of an American family of five, W. J. Lauck, consulting economist for the Railway Brotherhoods, asserted today before the railroad labor board. Mr. Lauck, who yesterday charged corporate profiteers with being chiefly responsible for present living costs, presented today a demand on behalf of the 2,500,000 railway employees for the establishment of a minimum wage throughout the industry. He presented to the board a compilation of budgets on the cost of living based on studies made under his supervision and by federal and state agencies.

Even in "Decent Poverty."

"It is impossible," he said, "for a family of five in the United States to maintain itself even in decent poverty under existing conditions for a penny less than \$2,500 a year."

His estimate, he said, was supported by government agencies. The estimate for May, he insisted, should be \$2,533.

Mr. Lauck declared that "the fundamental cause of all economic instability, all industrial unrest, all interruptions of production and distribution has been high prices and profiteering by organized capital and middle men and retailers."

Asks Speedy Action.

In concluding he requested that the board curtail its examination of wage data and proceed immediately to the determination of the question of what constitutes a living wage.

SENATOR MOSES REVEALS STAND ON DRY CHARGE

Washington, May 8.—Senator Moses of New Hampshire, one of Major General Wood's campaign managers, gave out a statement today explaining his position on the pending dry tariff bill. It was in the nature of a reply to a letter to him from the publicity manager of the Du Pont interests, presented in the senate yesterday by Senator Kenyon, Republican, Iowa, who charged that the letter virtually was a threat as to what would happen to General Wood's campaign if Senator Moses did not withdraw his opposition to the dry bill.

The New Hampshire senator said in his statement he was advocating a special protective tariff for the American dye industry, but was opposing the bill's import licensing plan because it would embarrass "the textile industry with applications for licenses, permits and embargoes."

ONLY FOLLOWED CODE, IS PLEA OF LOUIS POST

Washington, May 8.—Continuing his defense of his conduct in alien deportations, Assistant Secretary of Labor Post told the house rules committee today that in many cases exorbitant bail was demanded by the department of justice so as to keep aliens locked up and that in reducing the amount of bail, he only followed the constitutional prohibition against excessive bond.

By placing the amount at \$1,000 instead of \$10,000, he said, the government was able to obtain the appearance of the aliens when they were wanted.

"Evidently the bail demanded was not to insure the appearance of the accused, but to keep him locked up," said Mr. Post. "I am ready to meet any impeachment charge for reducing bail."

ELGIN MAN IS SLAIN BY WIFE

Elgin, Ill., May 8.—Henry C. Fredericks, secretary of the Elgin Granite Works, was shot and instantly killed by his wife shortly before noon today.

According to the police Mrs. Fredericks killed her husband while "insanely jealous." A serious illness for which she had been treated in various sanitariums, is said to have caused her to suffer hallucinations regarding her husband's conduct.

Without warning, she fired at her husband when he came home to lunch. Four of seven shots took effect.

### KNOX REGARDED DARK HORSE IN G. O. P. CONTEST

Favorable Reaction to Senator's Candidacy Further Complicates the Situation Now.

BY HAROLD D. JACOBS. (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

New York, May 8.—The Republican presidential situation, already complicated, has been rendered even more difficult of solution by the growth of favorable reaction to the candidacy of Senator Philander C. Knox.

There is a fairly general understanding that when Senator Boies Penrose endorsed his colleague for the Republican nomination it was intended largely as a "feeler" to learn the sentiment of the rank and file of the party and of the candidates, regarding a possible "dark horse." Knox is a recognized conservative, and Penrose, as representative of the old guard, apparently wished to learn particularly how Senator Hiram Johnson and the progressive wing regarded Knox as a compromise candidate in the event of a deadlock at Chicago.

No Win on First Ballot.

With all but six of the states having chosen their Republican delegates, it becomes more apparent that no candidate can hope to win on the first ballot. Instructed delegates at present are apportioned as follows:

Wood, 126; Johnson, 106; Lowden, 73; Harding, 39; Senator Miles Poindexter, 14.

Counting claims to uninstructed delegates, the standing would be: Wood, 243; Johnson, 150; Lowden, 145; Nicholas Murray Butler, 88; Harding, 49; Governor Calvin Coolidge, 29; Judge J. C. Pritchard, 22; Poindexter, 14.

Democratic Results.

Democratic delegates are still widely distributed. Instructions have been made as follows:

Governor James Cox, 74; Hoover, 33; Governor Edward J. Edwards, 28; Senator Robert Owen, 20; Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock, 16; William J. Bryan, 10; James W. Gerard, 10.

Claims to uninstructed delegates would make the standing: William G. McAdoo, 153; Edwards, 134; Cox, 100; Attorney General Palmer, 36; Champ Clark, 35; Hoover, 33; Secretary of Agriculture Meredith, 25; State Senator S. F. Simmons of North Carolina, 24; Owen, 20; Bryan, 18; Hitchcock, 16; Homer S. Cummings, 14; Gerard, 10.

SON OF ARCHDUKE, AND PEASANT GIRL DIES IN POVERTY

Budapest, May 7.—Death has closed the romantic career of Baron Ernest Walburg, born to a peasant girl and acknowledged as son by the late Archduke Ernest. Through the action of the late Emperor Francis Joseph, he was given the title of baron and received a princely allowance, which was reduced when he married a poor girl.

During the last few years of his life, Baron Ernest lived with his wife and six children in a two-room flat amid extreme poverty. At one time he served as a waiter in a coffee house, where it was the custom to tip him seven silver crowns as a recognition of the seven branches of his baronial crown. He died in a hospital here early this week.

The Weather

Fair tonight and Sunday; rising temperature Sunday.

Highest yesterday, 71; lowest last night, 49.

Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 3 miles per hour.

Precipitation, 24 hours, none.

12 m. 7 p. m. 1 a. m. yesterday, today

Dry bulb temp., 65 67 65

Wet bulb temp., 50 51 49

Rel. humidity, 73 70 66

River stage, 8 feet; a fall of 1 in last 24 hours.

Washington, May 8.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

Region of Great Lakes: Some prospects of showers by middle of the week, otherwise fair; temperatures near or slightly above normal.

Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri valleys: Showers probable Tuesday or Wednesday with temperatures slightly above normal; generally fair remainder of the week, with nearly normal temperatures.

River Forecast.

A falling tendency in the Mississippi